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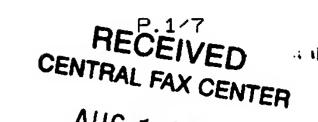
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, AMENDMENTS, AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office action mailed 9 June 2004, the period for response being extended two months to 9 September 2004, on the following four pages are amendments to the claims, and thereafter remarks on the restriction requirement.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to 9 September in order to respond to this Office action. Please charge the extension fee of \$ 420.00 and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessitated by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 502144.